



Kansas African American Affairs Commission

January General Meeting (Unapproved)

Landon State Office Building (LSOB) 102D

Thursday, January 13, 2011

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

- I. **Call to Order and Welcome** at 9:15 a.m. by Harriett Johnson, Chairperson
- II. **Roll Call and Introduction of Guests Commissioners Present:** C.Whitten, H. Hohnson, J. Barfield, N. Terrell, V. Knight. **Absent:** D.Dandridge, J. Williams. **Staff Present:** M. Edwards, S. Bryant, T.White
- III. **Correspondence** Handout from Kansas Health Institutes Health In all Policies Summit, Strategic Plan update and Year End report in back of notebooks.
- IV. **Minutes** – Reading of the December 09, 2010 General Meeting Minutes
 - a. **Acceptance of the Minutes**

Commissioner Terrell moved to approve the December 09, 2010 minutes as read, seconded by Commissioner Barfield.

- V. **Chairmans Report**
 - a. The Kansas Drop In/Drop Out committee submitted their final report at their meeting last week. They started with 45 recommendations and was able to reduce it to 30 final recommendations. Kansas is one of the 20 states participating in the uniformity of education process. SRS is working hard to have better collaboration between the Districts within the State of Kansas.
- VI. **Board Governance** – Commissioner Knight will present at the February meeting.
- VII. **ED's Update** (30 min.) Mildred Edwards
 - a. General Fund and Budget Review – (provided and reviewed after lunch)
 - b. Cultivation (3), Collaboration (6), and Administration (27) activites presented.
 - c. Strategic Plan Updates
 - Strategy 1:** Finalized the State of AA in KS research targeted issues for project. Writing has commenced.
Requested updated data from KDHE, KSDE, Dept. of Labor and Attorney General's Office.
 - Strategy 2:** Updates to twitter and Facebook are ongoing. Intern will report today.
 - Strategy 3:** Partnerships with state agencies continue to grow and opportunities for collaboration abound. See Collaboration section above.
 - Strategy 4:** Working on report to Ed O'Malley.
 - Strategy 5:** Partnerships with community based organizations/agencies continue to grow and opportunities for collaboration abound. See Collaboration section above.

Strategy 6: Funding for program events/opportunities is being identified through Kansas Humanities Council – grant being developed. Simply Kansas grant written, menu planned and food solicited for the Open House.

a. Other Projects

- Gates Foundation Broadband Grant application toolkit development chairperson
- KS150 The Kansas African American History Trail document development w/Angela Bates
- KS150 African American Artist Performance Bureau
- KS150 Savor Topeka planning
- KAAAC Talent Pool for KS Boards
- TABSE Program and Constitution/Bylaws Committee
- Safe Streets Topeka - Character Recognition Committee
- GTFORP quarterly progress reports
- WSU Graduation Regent representative
- Keynote speaker for the WG Williams Foundation Annual Meeting
- Keynote speaker for the City of Lawrence Martin Luther King Program
- Guest of honor at the WSU TRIO program – Student Support Services banquet
- Keynote speaker for WSU Office of Minority Affairs Black History Month Program
- PSU Michael Tilford conference keynote speaker
- Blue Ribbon Panel Infant Mortality Minority Health Month Host
- Kansas Alliance of Black School Educators Conference Co-Chair

Meeting recessed to participate in the Governor's MLK March and reception 11:20am

Meeting reconvened for working lunch 1:45 pm – Catered by Jason's Deli

VIII. Special Assistants Report

Tolla White

- **December 10, 2010** 9-9:45 am Meet and greet with Americorp @ Blue Planet
- December 10, 2010 - Kansas Health Institute's Health in All Policies summit; Ramada 10-3 pm
- **December 22, 2010** - Confirmed reception after MLK March with Brittney Stiffler-Craptree of Americorp. They will host the reception
- **December 30, 2010** – Met Chiquita Coggs regarding KAAAC and KHLAAC handbook.
- Correspondence regarding MLK March. Contacted JROTC MSgt., THS Band Teacher Mr. Holleman and drum line coordinator Sal Cruz. Pastor Hicks to confirm soloist and Vivian Brenan of 1st Presbyterian.
- Commissioners notebooks were bound successfully and returned
- Cultural Courier totes received (were to be Navy, but due to manufacturer issues, had to change to Royal Blue) from MARCO Promotional products.
- Received new KAAAC Banner from Signs-to-Go for Governors MLK Celebration/March
- Cookie order from Aunt T's was confirmed for Open House

IX. Social Media Intern Projects

Shawn Bryant

- Facebook (FB) friends increased from 321 in June to 970 Ongoing
- FB activity increased due to blogs and Cultural Courier Challenges Ongoing
- KAAAC African American Youth Day Chairperson/Host/Contact March 22, 2011
- Relationships fostered with key networks vital to strategic plan Ongoing
- Collaborated with CNCS to establish database of youth volunteers Jan. 2011
- Rejuvenated Twitter applications Jan. 2011
- High School Youth Intern Program developed Jan. 2011
- General office duties Ongoing
- Website updates and maintenance Ongoing
- Legislative Policy Tracking (pre-filled and new reviewed) Jan. 2011

X. Announcements

- KAAAC meeting with Governors staff will be held January 18, 2011 at 1:00. All Commisioners encouraged to attend. Those unable should forward comments/concerns to Chairperson.
- Commission Knight attending Kansas Black Chamber and NAACP event in Kansas City on behalf of the Commission. Reminded Commission of Summer School and KC, KS history to be included the the Along the History Trail document and desire to be included in youth targeted interventions.
- 2011 Save the Dates reviewed in the Year End Report (2010)
- Commissioner Whitten submitted his resignation due to his appointment as Commissioner of the State of Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority.
- Chairperson Johnson appointed Commissioners Williams and Terrell to review the Commission bylaws and provide recommendations for update at the February meeting.

Approved 1-13-11) with the following corrections:

1. Spelling correction to Jabberwock per Commissioner Knights request.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 2:42 by Harriett Johnson, Chairperson

Respectfully submitted by,

Tolla White
KAAAC Special Assistant